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Title: Apparatus to mechanically load) Attorney's Docket No. 20045-65
a compression member)

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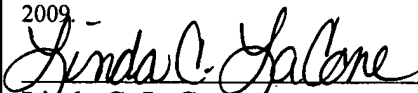
In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2009 having a term for reply
expiring on November 18, 2009, Applicants are filing a Petition for a one month
extension of time. Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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